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The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol have issued a **Travel Alert** for the Fargo area of North Dakota due to icy roads and slush on roadways creating slippery driving conditions. Cities included in the **Travel Alert** are Fargo, Mayville, Hillsboro, Casselton, Lisbon, Wahpeton, and surrounding areas. Conditions are such that **motorists can still travel** in these areas, but should be advised of rapidly changing conditions. Motorists are encouraged to reduce speeds and drive according to the conditions.

Motorists are reminded of the following Advisories:

- I-94 will be closing at 5:30 p.m.CST from Montana border to Jamestown except the Dickinson and Bismarck/Mandan metro areas
- HWY 83 will be closing at 5:30 p.m. CST from Minot to Bismarck
- No Travel Advisory for western, central and northeastern ND. Cities included are Williston, Dickinson, Bismarck, Minot, Devils Lake, Jamestown, Valley City, Grand Forks, and surrounding areas

The three categories are as follows:

1. **TRAVEL ALERT** – Motorists can still travel but may encounter areas of challenging winter weather driving conditions on roadways. Motorists should allow extra time to reach their destination and be alert to conditions that may make travel difficult, change rapidly, or cause travel delays. A TRAVEL ALERT has the potential to change to a NO TRAVEL ADVISED if conditions deteriorate.
2. **NO TRAVEL ADVISED** – Motorists should not travel due to hazardous conditions which may make it unsafe to travel. Snowplows may be pulled from the roads during severe conditions. Motorists should take NO TRAVEL ADVISED seriously as those motorists who choose to travel at their own risk may become stranded and emergency responders may not be able to reach them safely. A NO TRAVEL ADVISED has the potential to change to a ROAD CLOSED OR BLOCKED if conditions deteriorate.
3. **ROAD CLOSED OR BLOCKED** – Motorists are not allowed to travel on a closed road due to life threatening conditions. The road may be impassible or blocked. Motorists who drive past a road closure device may be fined up to \$250.

Please be advised that road condition information on 511 and the travel map is updated daily from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. CDT. The road report is based upon the information available to the NDDOT at the time of preparation and is provided solely as a public service. Conditions may vary from those reported.

